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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director, Office of Special Activities

SUBJECT : Critical Personnel Vacancies at [redacted]

1. The planned manning for the Command Post at [redacted] provides for five air operations specialists (AFSC 271X0). To date we have been unable to fill two of these positions because of a series of processing "busts". For months, at every opportunity, [redacted] has bemoaned the fact that the vacancies continue to exist.

2. On 28 January I sent reference A cable (attached) and on 30 January we received reference B cable (attached) as an answer.

3. [redacted] election in this matter appears mighty inconsistent to me with his continual clamor for more people. Both of the 271X0's presently cleared were personally interviewed by [redacted] OSA Control Center, and found qualified, according to [redacted] [redacted] unusual desire for [redacted] (who is presently neither medically nor security cleared and whom I therefore consider a fairly poor risk to ever fully clear) can stem only from the fact that 1) a [redacted] from [redacted] shop, had approximately a twenty minute interview with [redacted] [redacted] and or 2) he, [redacted] may be personally known to and recommended by someone now at [redacted] In my estimation neither nor both of these facts justifies turning down "a bird in the hand" for "one in the bush".

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4. As apost script I might add that MMPD, being only too well aware of our strong desire to fill these two vacancies as soon as possible, finds it as difficult as I do to understand [] choice. I think that in instances like this we take a slight edge off our future "crash", high-priority requests.

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